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Story

Takashi and Yasu live in a small, boring country-side town. They've been friends since childhood, always together, and they're still the closest of friends, even now in high school. However, Yesu holds feelings for Takeshi thet go beyond friendship. Before Yasu cen put his feelings into words, the season chenges to exem season, end Tekashi confesses that he'll be teking the exem for e University in Tokyo...

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I love high schoolers
and beach sandals

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"If it's a girl and a boy, let's have them marry each other!"
Yosuke's Mom
Tohsaka's Mom
She said that if one of us were a girl,
You know what my mom said yesterday?
SWOOSH
What's with their reaction?
Huh? Do you have a problem with me being a girl?
You're the girl in this scenario?

TO ME, YOU'RE NO. 1 ON MY LIST OF POTENTIAL HUSBANDS
PFFT-
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
HAHA
IT'S NOTHING

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The Final Command

Young Oh! Oh!

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Then, I think of you

HUH? YOU'RE TAKING THE ENTRANCE EXAMS TO A UNIVERSITY IN TOKYO?
...YEAH
I was 17 then
I SEE
I was thinking about how I could...
...get to a better place,

become a better person.
That was the summer of my second year of high school

SUMMER OF THIRD YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL
CHIRRRR
THE FINAL SUMMER OF HIGH SCHOOL, HUH
CHIRRRR
UM...
This is Yasu. He's the son of the tofu shop owners. We're childhood friends
Honestly, if I was a girl, he'd definitely be my No 1 choice for a husband.
He's tall and gentle, so he's super popular with the girls. He was voted the #1 potential husband in the yearbook.
TAKASHI, HOW'S YOUR STUDYING GOING?
I GOT AN A ON THE MOCK EXAMINATION BUT
PEOPLE ARE GONNA START TO CATCH UP SO I CAN'T REALLY LET MY GUARD DOWN
PLUS, I TOLD MY PARENTS THAT IF I DIDN'T GET IN, I'D GIVE UP AND RUN THE FAMILY BUSINESS. SO...
Haha!
THEY'RE AGAINST ME GOING TO COLLEGE IN TOKYO EVEN NOW
ISN'T IT TERRIBLE THAT THEY'D BE HAPPIER IF I DIDN'T GET IN?

As expected of the number one potential husband

He even helped me convince my parents when I was arguing with them.

Not a single person supported my decision, but Yasu was on my side

CHIRP

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CHIRP

THE LAST THING I WANT TO DO IS CHEER YOU ON

IT SOUNDS LIKE YASU-KUN IS GOING TO INHERIT THE TOFU STORE!
I WONDER IF HE'S GOING TO BE THE LAST OF THE LINE
BUT RECENTLY THERE AREN'T A LOT OF PEOPLE LIVING HERE
There's also a lot of dirty gossip
ALSO DID YOU HEAR THAT MRS YOSHIKAWA ELOPED WITH SOME MAN?
This town is steadily being depopulated. The young people of the town either leave, like me, or stay on and inherit the family business.
I'M HOME!

Ahahaha, that's so stupid!
This is my hometown, born and raised...
There's nothing to do,
just an accumulation of the same boring days.
URGH
URRGHH...

I'M SO SICK...
...OF STUDY-ING!
THUD
"Engender"
To make, to create.
CHIRP
"Rebuff"
To turn down, to diminish in strength.

"As-
certain"
To deter-
mine.
SLIP
Ah!
Ahhh

PLIP
AH
"Vanish"
To dis-
appear.
HUH?

SWISH
?!
PLOP
SPLASH
AH, I GUESS I NEED TO TAKE BREAKS ONCE IN A WHILE!
Hehe-
WHY ARE YOU JUMPING IN?

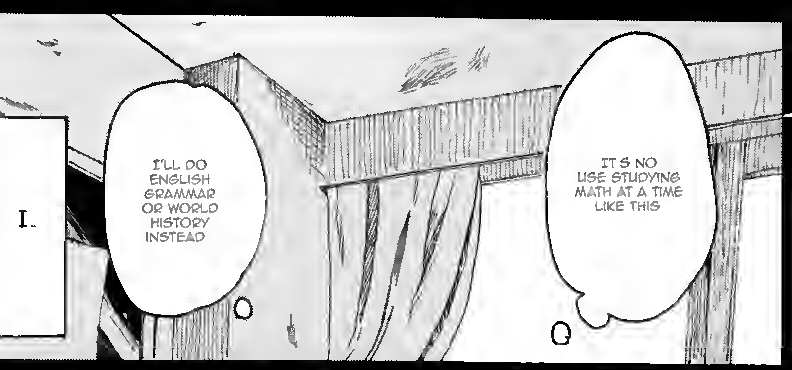
DID YOU REACH AN IMPASSE WITH YOUR STUDYING?
WELL, I'VE JUST BEEN DOING NOTHING BUT STUDYING EVERY DAY
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE SOMEONE'S FORCING ME TO DO IT
I'M JUST DOING IT BECAUSE I SAID I WOULD AND I'M BEING ALL STUBBORN ABOUT IT, SO I CAN'T REALLY COMPLAIN TO ANYONE
TAKASHI,
WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO APPLY TO A UNIVERSITY IN TOKYO?

HERE, THERE'S NO SCHOOL I WANT TO GO TO, NO COMPANY I WANT TO WORK FOR, AND NOTHING I WANT TO DO, SO
IF I STAY HERE, IT'S LIKE... I CAN SEE MY LIMIT.
I PAINFULLY KNOW WHAT KIND OF ADULT I'LL BECOME IF I STAY.
THERE ISN'T A SINGLE REASON FOR ME TO STAY HERE

MY MOM JUST WATCHES TALK SHOWS ALL DAY.
AND MY DAD GOES TO SOME MEANINGLESS JOB. HIS ONLY REAL HOBBY IS DRINKING.
I DON'T HATE THEM, AND I'M GRATEFUL TO THEM, BUT...
IF I THINK, "IS MY LIFE REALLY GOING TO BE LIKE THEIRS?" THE ANSWER'S NO
THEN I THINK, IF I STAY HERE, THAT'S THE ONLY WAY MY LIFE CAN PAN OUT

I SEE...
IF YOU THINK THAT WAY, MAYBE IT'S TRUE...
Before I realized it,
the sounds of cicadas had changed into the sounds of crickets,
and the heat dissolved into winter
Fwah!

cough
TAKASHI, YOU DIDN'T SLEEP WELL?
NO SINCE THE MOCK TEST IS IN TWO DAYS
cough cough
DID YOU CATCH A COLD?
I FELL ASLEEP UNDER THE KOTATSU YESTERDAY
DON'T TAX YOUR BODY SO MUCH THIS LATE IN THE GAME
Yasu!
ALL RIGHT!
Tani sensei wants to see you!
NAH, I LL STUDY AND WAIT FOR YOU
TAKASHI, GO HOME WITHOUT ME
This isn't good... I think I have a little bit of a fever


I.
I'LL DO ENGLISH GRAMMAR OR WORLD HISTORY INSTEAD
IT'S NO USE STUDYING MATH AT A TIME LIKE THIS

Magellan, Columbus, Vasco Da Gama
These people rid themselves of social convention and advanced, one step at a time, toward impossible lands and pioneered the world
THE AGE OF DISCOVERY IS MY FAVORITE
like world history the best There are personal philosophies and suggestions from people who lived before me

I ALSO WANT TO LIVE A LIFE THAT MAKES MY HEART POUND
I ALSO
the sense that the world is broadening in a single moment
Joy. Feeling alive.
Encountering the unknown.

TAKASHI,
ARE YOU SLEEPING?

TAKASHI
HE S WORKING HARD, HUH

THOSE MONTHS JUST THE ENTRANCE EXAM
SIX MONTHS TILL HE'S NOT HERE ANYMORE.

BUT YOU WERE SLEEPING SO SOUNDLY
I can't believe you didn't wake me up!
QUIZ ME!
OKAY
Ha Hadri
YOU CAN DO IT
And then,
WHO ARE THE NERVA-ANTONINE DYNASTY EMPERORS?
NERVA,
TRAJAN,

NATIONAL SKILL MOCK EXAM
PERSONAL RESULT ANNOUNCEMENT
GRADE
C
B
I took the final mock exam before the real entrance exam.
My grade dropped to a C.

I TOLD YOU SO! AND YOU MADE ME PAY SO MUCH MONEY FOR THE MATERIALS
This is bad
AND WE WERE AGAINST YOU APPLYING FROM THE START!
I WON'T PUT UP WITH YOU BECOMING SOME LOAFER WHO KEEPS RETAKING THE TEST INSTEAD OF WORKING.
Why?
I might not get in
Why won't you support me?

That kind of boring life,
YOU JUST TAKE A LOT OF MONEY!
IF YOU DON'T PASS, GIVE UP AND RUN THE FAMILY BUSI-NESS, OKAY?
I don't want it
TAKASHI?!
Ah...
It's Yasu

He can do anything

he's smart and athletic.

Unlike me, an ordinary person,

Yasu could do anything, and it was amazing

Ever since we were little,

The tofu store, huh...

I'M GOING TO INHERIT THE TOFU STORE

But it's almost wasteful... If he were anywhere else but here, he could become someone important

To be sure, his tofu is number one in the world, and I'm eating it almost every day...

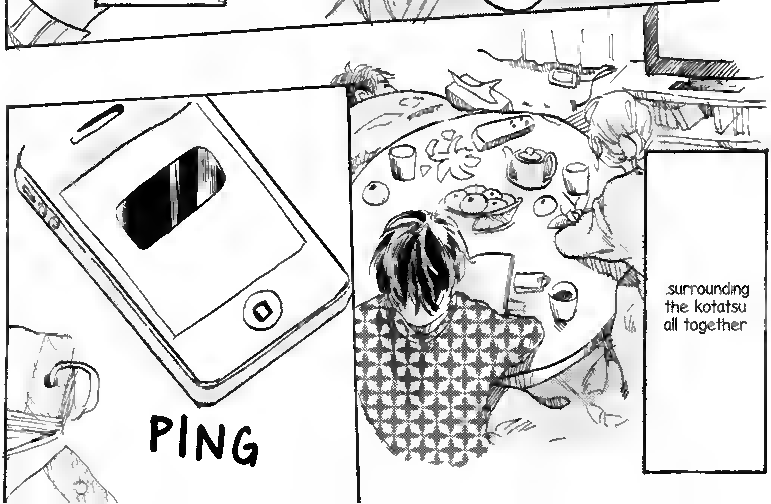
OH, YOU'RE AWAKE
OUMMY, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF IT'S AN IMPORTANT TIME RIGHT NOW
HERE, I BROUGHT YOU SOME TOFU. DO YOU WANT IT?
teary

NO MATTER WHAT,
Ta-ta-ta-Takashi?!
Startle
I WANT TO TAKE THE TEST AND GO TO TOKYO
I WANT TO GET OUT OF THIS TOWN...
AND BECOME SOMEONE THAT I CAN BE PROUD OF

Takashi
DON'T WORRY
YOU'LL DEFINITELY GET IN
AAAAAHHHHH
TAKASHI,
BUT WHAT IF I DON'T GET INNN!
CALM DOWN
THERE'S STILL TIME TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT
IT'LL BE OKAY
YEAH...
YOU'LL GET IN
OKAY

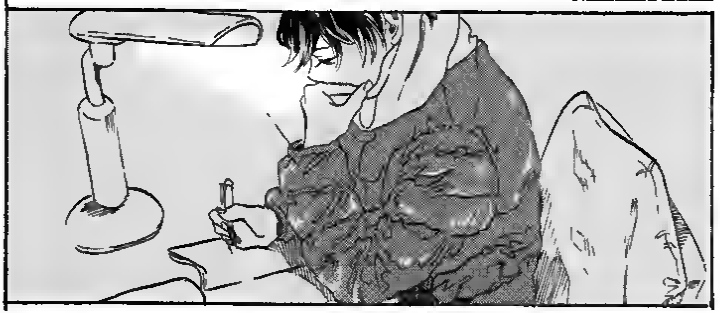
YOU'LL DEFINITELY GET IN!
OKAY?

My family spent that New Year's Eve...
THANKS YASU.
OKAY...


PING
...surrounding the kotatsu all together

HAPPY NEW YEAR! ARE YOU STUDYING HARD?
HAPPY NEW YEAR! I'M TAKING A BREAK AND WATCHING NEW YEAR'S SHOWS.
THEN DO YOU WANT TO GO PRAY FOR GOOD LUCK AT THE TEMPLE?
HERE
It's sooo cooolllld!
IT'D BE BAD IF YOU CATCH A COLD NOW.
Ohhh, this is why he's the No 1 potential husband

I studied
like crazy



I practiced solving old test questions and if I couldn't do them, I repeated them till I could
The 30 minutes after I woke up I reviewed the things I learned the day before
At night, I memorized things before bed

I remembered Yasu saying, "It'll be okay"

When I became anxious,

ACCEPT
Registration Number
...
clirp
clirp

I diiid iiitt!
That's amazing!
You did it!
That's my boy!
Oh! Congratulations! It's gonna get lonely around here without you.
Itche
Going around to the neighbors
Yuyuta looks like it has nice access. And Shimokita sure is trendy*
Looking for a place online.
In March, I got the acceptance letter
swoosh

T/N: Yuyuta and Shimokita are both in Tokyo and Shimokita is short for Shimokitazawa

shff
shff
shff
WHAT TIME IS YOUR TRAIN TOMORROW?
2 O'CLOCK! ARE YOU GONNA COME SEE ME OFF?
YEAH, I'LL BRING SOME TOFU.
ARE YOU DONE PACKING NOW?
YEAH I NEVER HAD MUCH STUFF TO TAKE ANYWAY.

sshhh
EVEN NOW,
I DON'T LIKE THIS TOWN.

THE BAD SMELL,
OR ALL THE NEIGHBORS' GOSSIP
I DIDN'T LIKE THE BUGS
IN THE END,
EVEN IF I LIVED HERE FOR 18 YEARS
I...

I WAS ABLE TO LIKE THIS TOWN...
...BECAUSE YOU WERE HERE.

BECAUSE I WENT FISHING WITH YOU, I LIKED THE SEA
BECAUSE I HIKED THEM WITH YOU. I LIKED THE BACK MOUNTAINS
BECAUSE I WAS ABLE TO MEET YOU EVERY DAY. I LIKED THE SCHOOL, THE TOWN, AND EVERYTHING ABOUT IT.

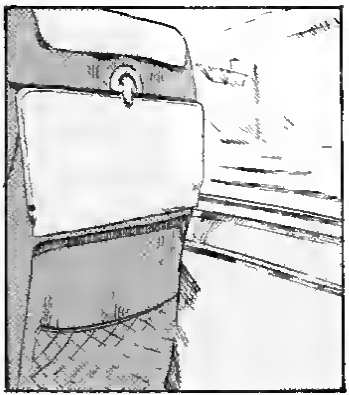
BECAUSE YOU LIKED IT, I DECIDED TO INHERIT THE TOFU STORE

I LOVE YOU,
FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
TAKE CARE,
EVEN IN TOKYO.

THE TRAIN ON PLATFORM 3 WILL DEPART MOMENTARILY
"ARE YOU GONNA COME SEE ME OFF?"
"YEAH, I'LL BRING SOME TOFU"
Yasu never came

To expect him to
show up just because
it's the last time...

How
self-centered



I wondered
if Yasu was
crying, too

As the snow
fell outside
the window,

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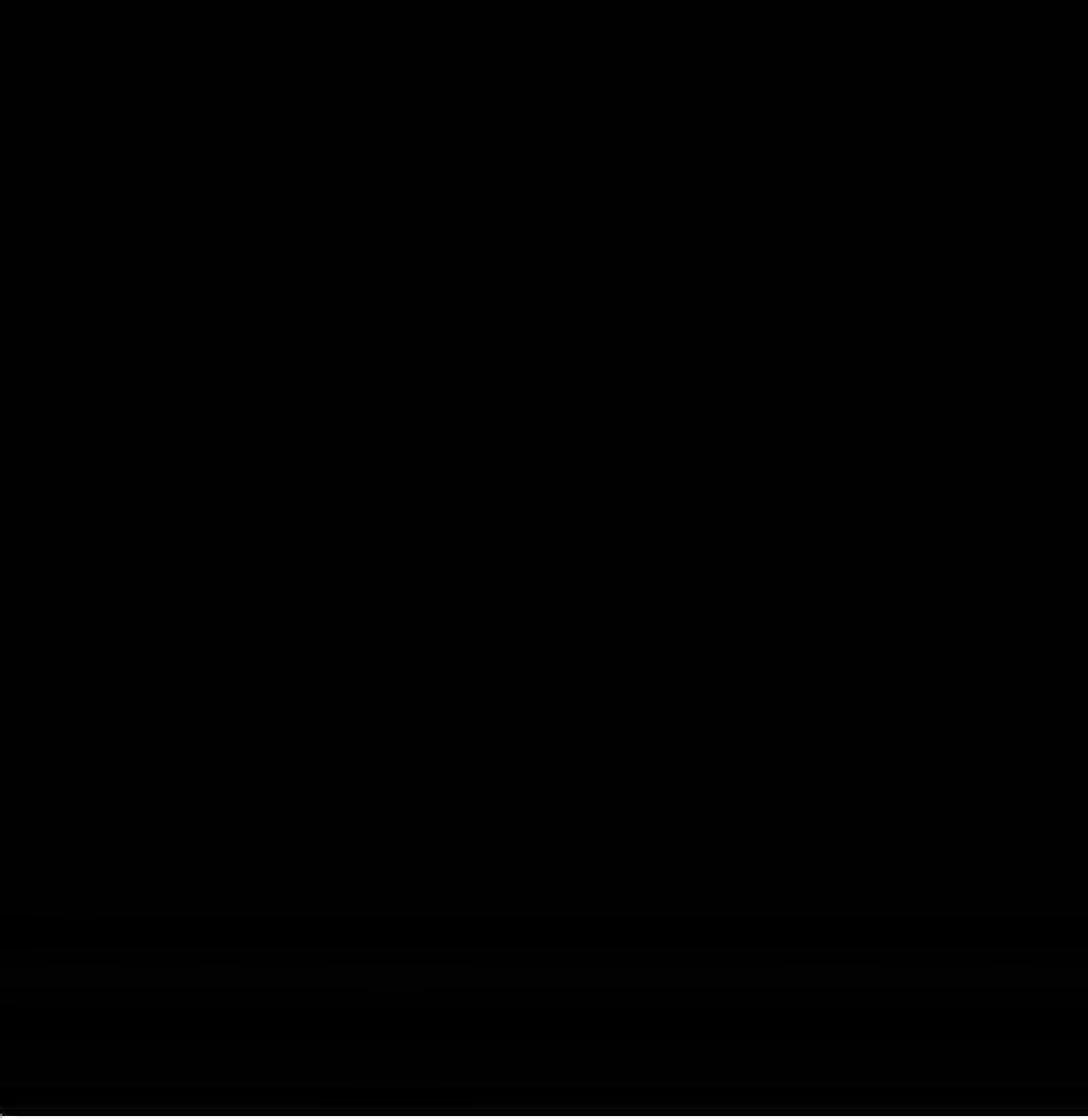

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SANO! LONG TIME NO SEE!
HEY GUYS! SANO'S HERE!
WHOA, HOW NOSTALGIC!
I GUESS YOUR JOB KEEPS YOU QUITE BUS-
EXCUSE ME...
THAT'S AMAZING! YOU'RE BLAZING YOUR WAY TO THE TOP!
I HEAR YOU'RE A LAWYER NOW, SANO?
AH, THANK YOU...
WE SHOULD TOAST WITH THE BEER FIRST!

IS SHOU-KUN NOT HERE TODAY?
NO, NOBODY COULD REACH HIM. SO WE COULDN'T INVITE HIM
AH...
I SEE...

MAYBE...
MAYBE IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO SAY THIS, BUT ISN'T IT BAD FOR YOU IF HE SHOWS UP?
HM?
WELL, SANO, YOU WERE KIND OF BULLIED BY SHOU, OR YOU KNOW
HE MADE YOU HIS ERRAND BOY
...HEH

A long time ago, Suou-kun and I...

...were in a twisted relationship.

SANO!

IF YOU DON'T COME BACK WITHIN FIVE MINUTES, I'LL KILL YOU
Heh-
Although his provocative demeanor was a cheap, cliché show,
it compelled me. It latched onto me and did not let go
I liked the way his gaze became cruel whenever he issued an "order."
SANO, LEND ME SOME MONEY.
DO MY HOMEWORK FOR TOMORROW.
so I always put up with it
SANO!

KISS ME.

YOU INITIATE IT.

That was the first...
GOING TO OBEY?
AREN'T YOU...
...sexual somehow
his orders were always...
After that day,

IF YOU ABANDON ME,
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.

That day
when those cold eyes looked at me,
for the first time,
I thought that they were quite lonely
AN "ERRAND BOY" HUH
No matter how illogical his commands were, I wanted to let him have his way

Suou-kun

Suou-kun

Suou-kun

Are you well?

Where are you now?

Aren't you cold?

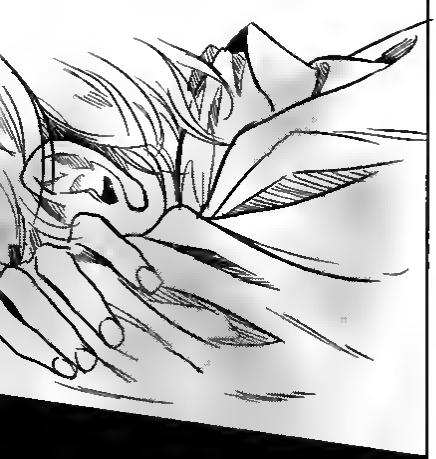
Aren't you lonely?

Do you have someone else following your orders?

I...

SHINO.

WILL YOU LISTEN TO MY LAST ORDER?
I can't forget how you looked at me.



I WANT YOU TO FORGET AND PRETEND AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED

I probably can't follow your last order...

as long as I live.

IF THAT...
...IS YOUR WISH...

END